

What Is NOAALink?

NOAALink is a better way for organizations across NOAA to acquire IT products and services. Driven by federal mandates and other initiatives for streamlining investment and making better use of resources, NOAALink provides an innovative and strategic acquisition vehicle that helps NOAA:

- Increase efficiency and effectiveness through enterprise-wide solutions
- Build robust high performance computing capabilities
- Operate IT as a customer-focused service provider

NOAALink is supported by the NOAALink Program Management Office (PMO). The PMO facilitates the acquisition process, helping NOAALink customers navigate through NOAALink and ensuring that the products and services procured provide the best value for the organization.

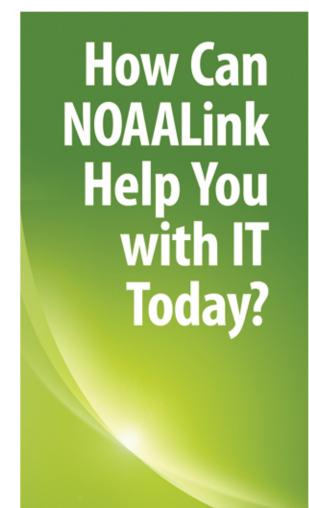


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NOAALink Benefits

NOAALink offers NOAA benefits for IT solutions and services across the organization.

Cost-effective

- IT procurement dollars can be leveraged across organizations
- Shorter time-to-award results in more timely service delivery

Streamlined and efficient

- PMO facilitated acquisition process results in better use of line office resources
- Shorter PALT times meet line office needs faster

Effective and consistent

- Achieve economies of scale-resources are shared across NOAA
- Enhanced IT Investment—integrated systems, engineering, architecture

What Makes A NOAALink Project?

NOAALink supports these IT Service Areas:

| | Management Component | Service Areas |
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| SMS | Strategic Management | Decision Support Enterprise Architecture Services Project Management Support |
| CORE | Customer Care | End-User Service Center Services Desktop Management Services Communication & Collaboration Services |
| | Infrastructure Management | Data & Voice Network Services Data Center Services Application Management Services |
| | Business Management | Strategic Sourcing Catalog Services Training/Professional/Consulting Services Special Projects |
| | Information Security & Risk Management | Security Services Continuity of Operations/Disaster Recovery |

NOAALink PMO: What to Expect

The PMO provides oversight and management of NOAALink projects, with ongoing daily interaction and communication between and among contractors and government personnel. The PMO is responsible for understanding IT products and services across NOAA and helps offices determine where cost, time and resources can be better spent. The PMO works with Task Managers and COTRs to help refine requirements and determine if your needs are right for the NOAALink vehicle. The PMO helps you:

- Assess your IT needs
- · Define and refine your requirements
- · Manage key tasks during the process, taking some of the workload off the Task Manager and COTR
- Take advantage of infrastructure, support and contracts already in place or in use, resulting in cost and time savings
- Manage and follow core contractors to ensure NOAALink commitments to quality assurance and project management discipline are implemented